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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office**

**SUBJECT: Procedure for Initiation of  
Overflight Reconnaissance**

1. Pursuant to our recent telephone conversation on the above subject, there is submitted below for your concurrence a statement of the procedure which should clarify the relationships involved in initiation of overflight reconnaissance.

2. The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance submits its recommendations on reconnaissance for U.S. intelligence needs to the United States Intelligence Board in those cases where new programs are involved or where special considerations obtain in the proposed use of on-going programs. Such considerations are normally limited to political sensitivity or the emergence of new operational hazards.

3. In the above instances the USIB will forward its recommendation to the NRO for submission to the Special Group.

4. In the case of on-going programs which have already been subject to the foregoing procedures and no new considerations obtain, COMOR will forward its recommendations for additional reconnaissance directly to the Special Group with information to the USIB members and to the D/NRO.

5. The Chairman of COMOR will keep the DDR advised so that the latter may, when in doubt on which procedure should apply, consult the Chairman, USIB, and the Director, NRO, for guidance.

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